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SACRAMENTO MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that DANIEL ARAM ZABLOCKI, 34, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge John A. Mendez to 30 years in federal prison for producing and possessing child pornography. ZABLOCKI pleaded guilty on September 9, 2009.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who prosecuted the case, in sentencing the defendant, Judge Mendez noted that the defendant had gathered a collection of child pornography that included 1,175 videos and 2,003 still images, and said that the imposition of a lengthy sentence was required in order to protect teen girls from the defendant. The Judge observed that the defendant had engaged in unlawful sexual conduct with the victim in this case, for a two-year period, beginning when she was 15 years old, and that he photographed her engaged in sexually explicit conduct with him. Judge Mendez stated that the 30- year sentence would keep the defendant in prison until after he turned 60, and would better ensure the safety of children.

The court also imposed a 10- year term of supervised release to follow the defendant's release from prison. While on supervised release the defendant would be subject to numerous conditions including search of his premises and any computer equipment he possessed, and he would have to refrain from having contact with children under the age of 18, unless approved by his probation officer.

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